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DATE: 15 June 1949

FROM : Assistant General Counsel

SUBJECT: Senate Joint Resolution #108

- 1. The attached S. J. Res. 108 is a serious straw in the wind. Nevertheless, the possibility must be considered that Congress will pass some directive which will require the President to make some general percentage cut in the use of appropriated funds.
- 2. If such action is passed by the Congress and sustained over possible Presidential veto, steps should be taken to maintain the CIA cut, if any, at the lowest possible figure. This is particularly true when it is recalled that the Bureau of the Budget has already cut our original request. It may be that the best approach would be to the National Security Council, requesting them to recommend to the President that no cuts be made of CIA funds (and possibly the intelligence funds of the IAC agencies). Certainly it is not advisable to make any direct approach to the Congress to exempt CIA funds from this Resolution, and I would not recommend it.

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